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NIGHTFALL

Deep-bosomed dusk obscures
    The sun's last ray,
And night descending lures
    Westward the day.
Naught that we love endures
    For aye.

Among the withered leaves
    The pale winds sigh,
And shrouded twilight weaves
    Her memories wistfully;
Summer but gilds his sheaves
    To die.

Flowers that the morn found bright
    At evening fade;
Hours that have taken flight
    Can ne'er be stayed:
Rome was eternal once,
    Helen a maid.

Maurice Browne